Gas Sales (MMm3)			
Target	10500	13186	13179
Actuals	11071	13511	13478
LPG Production (000' T)			
Target	845	905	950
Actuals	957	1084	1105
C2-C3 Production (000' T)			
Target	450	450	510
Actuals	424	489	511

* Provisional

(d) Short fall in crude oil production was due to reduction in anticipated production from the major fields of MRBC especially Bombay High and Neelam, due to unexpectd reservoir behaviour not in conformity with earlier predictions.

(e) and (f) ONGC has, engaged the services of a leading international management consultant for conducting an exercise on its organisational transormation.

Report of The Fact Finding Committee Regarding Allotments Under Discretionary Quota

4359. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fact Finding Committee has completed its report regarding allotment of petrol pumps, cooking gas, kerosene dealerships made under discretionary quota by the earlier Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Government has not constituted any Fact Finding Committee. However, in Writ Petition No. 4003/95 and 4430/95 filed in the High Court of Delhi by the Centre for Public Interest Litigation Vs UOI & Others, Hon. High Court of Delhi had constituted a Committee of three advocates to look into the allotments of dealerships/distributorships made on compassionate grounds from 1992-93 to 1995-96. The Committee has submitted its report to the High Court. Hon. High Court is looking into these allotments and no final order has yet been passed. The matter is subjudice.

(c) Does not arise.

Curtailing the Liquid Fuel Allocation for Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

4360. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have curtailed the increased allocation of liquid fuel for power projects in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for its curtailment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) In order to meet the demand for electricity, it has been estimated that for IX Plan period (1997—2002), the country would require an incremental capacity of about 57000 MW and the requirement during the Xth Plan (2002—2007) is estimated to be 65000 MW. In order to meet the shortages, many State Governments have been requesting the Government of India to permit setting up of liquid fuel based power plants in the private sector as

these plants have the advantage of shorter gestation period. The Government have formulated the Liquid Fuel Policy for the purpose and have decided to allow development of 12000 MW of power generation capacity based on liquid fuels in the Country. State-wise allocation of this capacity has been made by the Ministry of Power on the basis of additional requirements and energy and peaking shortage of States.

The power capacities based on liquid fuel, allocated to the States of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are 1160 MW and 1500MW respectively. Allocation of liquid fuel is made to the power projects in the States on recommendation of the Ministry of Power and is limited to the power capacity allocated to the respective States. States of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have recommended projects far in excess of allocated capacities. Ministry of Power has been requested to reprioritise and rationalise the recommendations so as to keep the allocations within the sanctioned capacity.

Grievances of Workmen of ONGC

4361. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether appeals committee of ONGC, vide No. AC/101/93-CRBC, dated 10th April, 1996 had taken any action on the grievances of workmen;

(b) if so, what are their grievances and number of persons involved;

(c) whether appeals committee had agreed to the recommendations as submitted to member (Personnel) on 13th May, 1993;

(d) if so, what are the details of the recommendations and what action ONGC has taken so far to redress the grievances; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take for protection of their natural rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representationists want their appointment in ONGC in the higher post of Store Keeper Gd. II instead of Store Keeper Gd. III, eversince their initial appointment in November, 1980.

Although five individuals were involved, only three of the individuals had taken up their grievance with the Appeals Committee.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The recommendation is that discrimination alleged by the representationist vis-a-vis Department candidates has some substance; and if his contention is upheld and the case reviewed, four other similarly placed ex-Apprentices should also be extended the same treatment. It has not been found feasible by the Management of ONGC to accept the recommendation.

(e) Rights of the workmen of ONGC are protected as per the rules.

OIDB Assistance to Assam

4362. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of crude cess collected during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the contribution of Assam towards crude cess each year, against which the amount of assistance is provided by Oil Industry Development Board for the development of refineries in Assam;

(c) whether Government propose to provide adequate funds for development of refineries in Assam through Oil Industry Development Board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) The Information is given in the en-